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FOLLOWING FROM DAKAR SENT OCT 24; ACTION LOME; BEING REPEATED  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 5863

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SUBJ: FORMER PAO'S CONVERSATION WITH GOT OFFICIAL

FOR AMBASSADOR RAWLS FROM ROTUNDO

DURING FLIGHT ABIDJAN-DAKAR FORMER PAO LOME MET  
CLOSE FRIEND CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE, TOGO MINISTRY PUBLIC  
WORKS, HEXEKIAH CREPPY WHO APPEARED PLEASED HAVE  
OPPORTUNITY TALK FREELY ABOUT EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN  
TOGO. DURING LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS, CREPPY MADE  
FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. TOGOLESE HAVE BECOME DANCING PUPPETS.  
PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH "ANIMATION" NONSENSE. MINISTER  
OF INFORMATION EKLO, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS NEW  
TREND, CANNOT LAST BECAUSE "EXPLOSION" BOUND TO COME  
SOON. EVEN CABRAIS DON'T LIKE TO DANCE "UPON COMMAND".

2. TOGO HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN WESTERN ORIENTED  
AND HAS NOTHING TO GAIN FROM COMMUNIST CHINA AND NORTH  
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KOREA. CHICOMS HAVE YET TO COME FORTH WITH 45 MILLION

DOLS THEY PROMISED TOGO. CHINESE ARE WILLING TO BUILD DAM BUT DISAGREE WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA ON LOCATION. PRESIDENT WANTS DAM IN LAMAKARA AND CHICOMS DESIRE BUILD ON MONO RIVER.

3. PRESIDENT'S MENTAL HEALTH HAS DETERIORATED SINCE PLANE ACCIDENT. WHEN HE CALLS AN OFFICIAL TO OFFICE FOR EXPLANATION OF PROJECT OR EVENTS, AND PERSON COMMENCES EXPLANATION, HE SHOWS IRRITATION AND EXPLAINS THAT HE KNOWS ALL RELEVANT POINTS AND DISMISSES HIM ABRUPTLY.

4. IN REPLY TO QUESTION WHO IS ADVISING PRESIDENT ON HIS POLITICAL COURSE, CREPPY REPLIED THAT IT WASN'T FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE. SAID LATTER IS FED UP AND WISHES TO LEAVE GOVT BUT IS NOT PERMITTED TO DO SO BY PRESIDENT. WHEN ASKED IF POLYCARP JOHNSON MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID NO. CREPPY DID NOT VOLUNTEER TO SAY WHOM HE CONSIDERS RESPONSIBLE.

5. HE MENTIONED THAT A PRIEST WHO SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE GOVT WAS SEVERELY BEATEN.

6. CREPPY EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ARABS ARE TWO-FACED- THEY SAY ONE THING AND MEAN ANOTHER. HE DOES NOT EXPECT ARABS TO OFFER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TOGO.

7. HE MENTIONED THAT THERE IS A MOVEMENT AFOOT AMONG COUNTRIES WHO BROKE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THIS MOVEMENT IS PROMPTED BY THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT WITH ARAB GOVTS. AND THEIR PROMISED ASSISTANCE.

8. HE INQUIRED IF NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO TOGO WAS APPROACHABLE AND IF SO COULD HE TALK FREELY TO HER. PAO REPLIED YES. CREPPY STATED THAT TOGOLESE WANTED TO KEEP THEIR LINES OPEN TO AMERICAN FRIENDS, DESPITE GOVT'S SLIDE TOWARD SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. CREPPY, WHO IS JAZZ BUFF, SAID THAT HE HAS ENCOURAGED AID CONTRACT OFFICER IN TOGO TO START A JAZZ CLUB SO  
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THAT TOGOLESE COULD HAVE LEGITIMATE REASON TO MEET WITH AMERICANS. AGGREY UNQUOTE.  
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